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Re: Enclosed Amendment After-Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116 and Petition and Fee  
for a One-Month Extension of Time  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,194  
Docket No.: 206-019-01

Dear Examiner O'Connor:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 5, 2006, along with two copies of the Petition and Fee for a One-Month Extension of Time, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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